

pare food for the people, against the famine came; and the King took his advice, and put him over this business. Joseph was loaded with honours and riches, and made the next man to Pharaoh in all the kingdom of Egypt. He dwelt in a palace of marble! Rode in a chariot of pearls! And Heralds, with golden trumpets, cried to the people, as he passed, "Bow the knee!" Thus, my young reader, you see how virtue was rewarded in this life.



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CHAP. VII.

*Joseph's Administration in Egypt, down to the Commencement of the Famine.*

ALTHOUGH Joseph was so highly exalted, he did not forget that he ought to be assiduous, as a saviour of the land. He did not act as too many statesmen do—consume his days in dissipation and riot. No; nor was useless extravagance a trait of his political character, though his coffers were filled with gold, and his cabinets sparkled with diamonds, and all the public treasuries were at his command; yet, he was more concerned in providing for the future wants of the land, than in making an ostentatious appearance; therefore, we do not read of his erecting for himself sumptuous edifices; but we have repeatedly noticed the accounts of his forming and filling store houses with good wheat, against

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